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August 26, 2019

TO: The Honorable Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Thomas A. Gleason
Acting Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety

SUBJECT: **Authority to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (“CSAP”), to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$194,036.00 to be used to administer the STOP Act (Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking) Project for the purpose of preventing and reducing alcohol use among youth and young adults ages 12-20 in communities throughout Westchester County, for the period from September 30, 2019 through September 29, 2023, payable in accordance with an approved budget.**

Authority is sought for the County of Westchester (“County”) to enter into an agreement with CSAP to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$194,036.00 to be used to administer the STOP Act (Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking) Project (the “Program”), in the annual amount not to exceed \$48,509.00 for a period of four (4) years, commencing on September 30, 2019 and continuing through September 29, 2023, to be paid in accordance with an approved budget (the “Agreement”).

These funds will be used by the Department of Public Safety’s STOP DWI Program to build on the Westchester Coalition for Drug and Alcohol Free Youth’s Program to implement activities that aim at addressing community norms regarding alcohol use by youth, reduce opportunities for underage drinking by limiting youth access to alcohol, create changes in underage drinking enforcement efforts, address penalties for underage use, and/or reduce the prevalence of negative consequences associated with underage drinking. It should be noted that no County funds are required for this Program.

As this Agreement does not involve the procurement of goods or services, the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy do not apply.

The goal and objectives of the Agreement are as follows: Goal: Serve as a catalyst for increased citizen participation and greater collaboration among all sectors and organizations in Westchester County to foster a long-term commitment to reducing alcohol use among youth.

Objective One: Under the direction of a Youth Leadership Specialist, members of the countywide Teen Youth Council will be organized and trained to further amplify their voices and grow our cadre of youth leaders to assist with Town Hall Meetings and other strategies.

Objective Two: Enhance intergovernmental cooperation and coordination on the issue of alcohol use among youth by providing trainings for law enforcement that will include effective prevention and intervention regarding party patrols and government leaders – such as the Westchester County Department of Health, Youth Bureau, and Community Mental Health that will include opportunities to plan for collective action.

This goal and these objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health of the citizens of Westchester because successful accomplishment of these objectives will reduce underage drinking that is associated with many negative consequences that young people in Westchester experience including academic issues, car crashes, violence, and health issues.

Fiscally, this project is in the best interests of the County because it brings additional grant monies into the County to augment current prevention programming.

The goal and objectives will be tracked through focus groups that will be held following the implementation of the media campaign. The focus groups will measure the extent to which people saw and were impacted by the campaign.

I certify that my department, a) has copies of, or access to all applicable laws, rules, regulations, reimbursement applications, and the Grant Agreement (including any master agreement), as well as any guidance or instructions received from the CSAP, b), has reviewed the terms of the Grant Agreement, c) is aware of and understands all of the Program Terms, and d) can and will comply with all of the Program Terms.

Accordingly, I most respectfully recommend your Board's favorable consideration of the annexed proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Acting Commissioner-Sheriff of Public Safety, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester is authorized to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (“CSAP”), to accept a grant in an amount not to exceed \$194,036.00 to be used to administer the STOP Act (Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking) Project for the purpose of preventing and reducing alcohol use among youth and young adults ages 12-20 in communities throughout Westchester County, for the period from September 30, 2019 through September 29, 2023 in the annual amount not to exceed of \$48,509.00 to be paid in accordance with an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver all instruments and take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purpose hereof.

Account to be
Charged/Credited

Year	Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
2019/2023	711	71	015U	9852	T015	194,036.00

Budget Funding Year(s) **2019-2023** –
Start Date: **September 30, 2019**; End Date: **September 29, 2023**
(must match resolution)

Funding Source	Tax Dollars _____
	State Aid _____
\$ 194,036.00	Federal Aid (\$194,036.00)
(must match resolution)	Other _____